

Regional European Organisation of the FDI National Report

Country: Slovakia

Association: Slovak Chamber of Dentists

Venue: Bratislava

Year: 2020

Changes

All in person meetings have been cancelled in 2020, also the National Dental Congress and the spring Plenary session of the Slovak Chamber of Dentists.

The Board and Presidential Board are holding meetings online. The autumn plenary session was also online. In 2020 the main issue that bothered all dentists was the pandemics of Covid-19 **COVID-19 ...the 3rd wave? Since December 19, till present (as to February,20th)**

The epidemiological situation in Slovakia worsened, according to the government. De facto mandatory weekly testing of the population for corona virus infection. Schools remain closed. Dentistry students have limited or no practical education. Lockdown has been prolonged week after week. The majority of dentists working normally, but seeing less patients. Chamber supports possibility to **test patients in dental office**. Chamber **promotes vaccination**. The dentists are among first vaccinated persons, together with other health care workers. Slovak dental chamber collects information about how pandemics influenced the dental practitioner's life.

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains: *potential problems seen*

problems with dental chains: *no clarity, who works as dentist there*

possible solutions: *Chamber asks for mandatory reporting the employed dentists in dental chain offices to be able to check their registration*

Changes in fees: None

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day: we will celebrate WOHD, Chamber organises a webinar with the title: "Green light to the fluorides, stop to the sugar".

What are your 3 main concerns?

- shortage of dentists in some regions due to premature retirement of dentists in connection with pandemics and challenges it has brought.
- organisation of state emergency dental service
- missing special health centres for infectious patients with dental problems

3 (4) points you would like to discuss :

- best practice during/after Covid -19 pandemics regarding infection protection protocols.**
- economic impact of the pandemic on the dental practice**
- what was the impact of the lockdown in different countries on the practical education of dental students (esp. in last year of the study)?**
- we do understand, that the Healthcare is national competency, but we would expect more EU common approach in the difficult pandemic situation...**

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